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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Fiorenzo Draghetti, et al.) Examiner: Landrum, Edward F.
Serial No.: 10/579,866) Group Art Unit: 3724
Filed: March 23, 2007) Confirmation No. 3831

For: CUTTING UNIT FOR CUTTING CONTINUOUS CIGARETTE RODS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This submission is in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed in the above-referenced application on March 2, 2010. Reconsideration of the application and substantive examination is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and election set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims commence on page 2; and

Remarks commence on page 6.